

small hen's egg with walls about half an inch thick). The emerging moth gets rid of most of the pupal skin while still breaking out of the chamber, the empty skin being invariably found well below the surface of the soil.

It may be of interest that Dr. F. W. Gess, of the Albany Museum, Grahamstown, Cape, S. Africa, informs me that the following plants upon which I have found *atropos* larvae feeding, are new host plants for this species in S. Africa: *Fraxinus americana* L. (Oleaceae); *Solanum giganteum* Jacq (Solanaceae); *Nuxia floribunda* (Loganiaceae); *Cardiospermum hirsutum* (Sapindaceae); *Jasminum multipartitum* (Oleaceae). — H. L. O'HEFFERNAN, c/o Maye House, Chillington, Kingsbridge, S. Devon.

EUPITHECIA PHOENICEATA (RAMBUR), ETAINIA DECENTELLA (H.-S.), ESPERIA OLIVIELLA (FAB.), HOMOEOSOMA NEBULELLA (D. & S.), BUCCULATRIX THORACELLA (THUNB.) AND OTHER NOTABLE MOTHS IN THE WINCHESTER DISTRICT. — Although 1977 has in general been a poor year, there have been a few good things appearing in this area, notably a single specimen of *Eupithecia phoeniceata* (Rambur), which came to the garden m.v. trap on the night of 6th/7th July. Besides being a new Winchester record, this seems an unusually early one. Other new or unusual species for this neighbourhood include: *Etainia decentella* (H.-S.) (conf. D. W. H. fennell) about 10 at m.v. 2nd July and later, also one mine in sycamore key; the rediscovery of *Bembecia scopigera* (Scop.) (Six-belted Clearwing) near Farley Mount, a locality given by Fassnidge; *Esperia oliviella* (Fab.) one in woods just outside Winchester on 15th July; *Microthrix similella* (Zinck.) seven at m.v. between 7th and 19th July; *Homoeosoma nebulella* (D. & S.) one on 17th July at m.v. (a specimen caught in 1976 is also now confirmed as this species); *Idaea straminata* (Borkh.) (Plain Wave) one at m.v. 2nd August; *Meganola albula* (D. & S.) (Kent Black Arches) one at m.v. 18th August; and *Conistra rubiginea* (D. & S.) (Dotted Chestnut) one at m.v. 23rd March. An interesting record from last year now confirmed is a single *Bucculatrix thoracella* (Thunb.) taken at m.v. 6th June, 1976. — Col. D. H. STERLING, 2 Hampton Lane, Winchester, Hants. [These appear to be the first confirmed records for Hampshire of *E. oliviella* (Fab.) and *B. thoracella* (Thunb.). — J.M.C.-H.]

TWO IMPORTANT BUTTERFLY RECORDS FROM GREECE. — On 25th June, 1977, two male and one female *Strymonidia w-album* Knoch were captured just above the village of Peristera, on Mt. Chelmos in the Peloponnese, at an altitude of about 1,300 m. The butterflies were found in rather open country, feeding on the flowers of *Viburnum* bushes. This is the first record of this species from the Peloponnese and constitutes the southernmost record of the species from the Balkans.

On 29th July, 1977, during a joint expedition with John Brown of Sutton, England, to Mt. Kaimakchalan (Voras Mts.),

on the Greco-Yugoslavian border, a single female *Thecla betulae* Linnaeus was captured at an altitude of 1,500 m., inside the forest zone. This record of *betulae* is the first ever from Greece and is the southernmost known from Europe. — JOHN G. COUTSIS, 4 Glykonos Street, Athens 139, Greece.

NYMPHALIS ANTIOPA L. IN SCOTLAND IN 1977 AND A FURTHER RECORD FOR 1976. — Two further records of the Camberwell Beauty may be added to those listed in J. M. Chalmers-Hunt's papers (*Ent. Rec.*, **99**: 89-105, 248-249). On the 5th July, 1977, while examining a local population of *Maniola jurtina* (L.) on a railway embankment in Dunblane, Perthshire, I noticed the slow moving shadow of a large flying insect travelling along the ground to my left. Looking up I saw the spectacular shape of a very worn *N. antiopa* flying steadily at about 15 feet above the ground in a westerly direction. It disappeared over the top of some willows. The time was 11.45 a.m.

On the 24th July, 1976, while watching *Quercusia quercus* (L.) fly round an oak at the side of Loch Ard, near Aberfoyle, Perthshire, a specimen of *antiopa* landed briefly on the tree, flying off out of sight in a few seconds. — GEORGE THOMSON, Humblesknow, Ramoyle, Dunblane, Perthshire, FK15 0BA.

A FURTHER RECORD OF A CAMBERWELL BEAUTY IN WORCESTERSHIRE AFTER HIBERNATION. — On 22nd May, 1977, Mr. Jack Oliver, a very observant countryman of Quarry Cottage, Crews Hill, Alfrick, watched a *Nymphalis antiopa* L. settle twice low down on some bushes by some oaks on a ridge near Crews Hill. — J. E. GREEN, 25 Knoll Lane, Poolbrook, Malvern, Worcs.

LIMNEPHILUS HIRSUTUS PIC. (TRICHOPTERA: LIMNEPHILIDAE) IN KENT. — Two specimens of this species came to m.v.l. at Sandwich Bay on the night of 14.viii.1977. This appears to be the first record for Kent. I am grateful to Dr. Ian Watkinson for their identification. — T. W. HARMAN, Little Oaks, Church Lane, Westbere, Canterbury, Kent.

NYMPHALIS POLYCHLOROS L. IN N.W. KENT, 1975. — Mr. J. H. Hider, a keen and active local naturalist and, I have every reason to believe, an accurate observer, lately gave me a list of species noted by him in this area which, to my surprise, included the Large Tortoiseshell. It was early in June 1975, in Maryon Wilson Park, Charlton; he tells me he had a good view of the butterfly and is in no doubt concerning its identity. In the absence of further sightings, it would seem to have been only a straggler. It should, however, perhaps be mentioned that there were then a number of elms in the park (now sadly reduced by disease). For possible past occurrences in the district one would probably have to go back to the extraordinarily favourable period of 1946-8, during which *polychloros* was recorded two or three times at Lewisham, not far away (cf. Chalmers-Hunt, 1961, *Lepidoptera of Kent*: 70). — A. A. ALLEN, 49 Montcalm Road, Charlton, London, SE7 8QG.